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37 CFR § 1.116**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In Re Application of:**

**Richard Ciapala et al.**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.192**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed **September 20, 2005** finally rejecting claims **1-11 and 23-26** of the above-identified patent application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as :
- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of June 21, 2005 to and through December 19, 2005 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three (3) months.

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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